

**TITLE**  
**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING METALS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention pertains to the protection of metals from corrosion  
5 and/or fouling from exposure to environments such as, for example,  
seawater. The protection in accordance with this invention is achieved  
through the use of conductive zinc-containing coatings in combination with  
applied current cathodic protection.